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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 5-8-56

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With reference to Olney's memorandum of 5-7-56 I saw William Rogers late Monday afternoon and pointed out to Rogers we had another memorandum which really complicates the situation, that I did not know whether the Department needed a psychologist or a lawyer to straighten out this matter and I pointed out to Rogers that Olney's latest memorandum is utterly impossible, that obviously when the Assistant Attorney General makes a ruling that the Bureau has the authority to make investigations then the responsibility is on the Bureau to make the investigation unless the Department instructs to the contrary, that obviously we could not answer Olney's memorandum of May 3 as to what answer the Criminal Division should give to outsiders when in the same breath Olney is talking about the Bureau having legal authority to investigate the Hartley, Damman and De Galindez cases.

I pointed out to Rogers that we had set forth our position in a memorandum of May 4 and that the Bureau is awaiting the Departmental ruling on the three cases mentioned, that a ruling is necessary as to a procedural policy since the Criminal Division has now in effect stated that the Bureau's judgment and its decision in the three cases was an error and that higher authority must now resolve the matter. I told Rogers that it appears that all Olney is doing is building up a paper record, that we dislike putting the Attorney General and him in the middle and that was why I was coming to him to ascertain what stand the Department desired that we take. Rogers asked if I had a copy of the Olney memorandum of May 7 and I gave him a copy. He stated he would study all three of the memoranda and would talk to me today, that he was going to try to put a stop to memo-writing proclivity. I told Bill this was very commendable and I wished him luck.

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Rosen

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I don't think we should wait later than the close of business today 5-8. [illegible]

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